

unnumbered box in the middle of Figure 1. Please note that applicants include herewith a letter requesting permission to make drawing changes. These changes include a replacement drawing for Figure 1 which eliminates the box in question and provides a direct connection between the solid line connecting element 15 to element 19 and the dotted chain line extending from element 27.

Such amendment is fully supported by the application as originally filed, particularly with reference to the description of the invention on original page 8 of the specification corresponding to pages 14 and 15 of the substitute specification. There it is described that an accelerator movement sensor 15 monitors driver inputs to an accelerator pedal 14. As an alternative, a dynamic accelerometer could be employed, and it is further described that vehicle motion and acceleration could be recognized through a transmission drive shaft sensor 27 coupled to a vehicle road wheel 26. Clearly, the original box in question merely provides a connection between the lines extending from elements 15 and 27 toward element 19. The applicants therefore have merely removed such box from the drawing figure.

The Official Action also requires a descriptive legend in connection with box 33 of Figure 13C. The appropriate legend is provided in the amended drawing figure.

The Official Action also requires the cancellation of pages 19-30 of the drawings, which cancellation is also

included in the letter requesting permission to make drawing changes.

The Official Action objects to the disclosure based on a number of identified informalities. Please note that applicant has amended the substitute specification as necessary in order to eliminate all identified bases for this objection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are therefore respectfully requested.

The Official Action explicitly states that the application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters described above. In light of such statement and the present amendments, an early indication of allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment.

The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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